

# House Resolution 102 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

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1 A Resolution requesting the United States Congress to  
2 immediately enact a new federal food, farm, and jobs  
3 bill.

4 WHEREAS, the United States Congress regularly  
5 establishes agricultural and food policy in an omnibus  
6 farm bill in a bipartisan spirit of cooperation,  
7 exemplified by the federal Food, Conservation,  
8 and Energy Act of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-246 which  
9 originally was to expire in 2012, but was extended by  
10 the 112th Congress in the American Taxpayer Relief Act  
11 of 2012, Pub. L. No. 112-240; and

12 WHEREAS, a new food, farm, and jobs bill is  
13 critical to maintaining a strong agricultural  
14 economy and an abundant food supply that benefits  
15 all Americans, including by providing programs  
16 relating to farm commodity support, horticulture,  
17 livestock, conservation, nutrition assistance, trade  
18 and international food aid, agricultural research,

1 farm credit, rural development, bioenergy, forestry,  
2 and innovative strategies to revitalize this nation's  
3 rural economy by creating jobs in small towns and rural  
4 communities; and

5 WHEREAS, in Iowa, agricultural producers have faced  
6 a multitude of disasters, including drought, flood,  
7 and blizzard conditions which have been alleviated by  
8 disaster assistance under farm bill programs; and

9 WHEREAS, during 2013, the United States Senate  
10 and House of Representatives have been engaged in  
11 prolonged negotiations to enact a new food, farm, and  
12 jobs bill that is now in conference committee which is  
13 considering differences between the Senate version,  
14 titled the Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act  
15 of 2013 (S. 954), and the House version, titled the  
16 Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management (FARRM)  
17 Act of 2013 (H.R. 2642); and

18 WHEREAS, without the passage of a new food, farm,  
19 and jobs bill the United States will be subject to  
20 previously enacted permanent law, including commodity  
21 price support statutes effective in 1949; and

22 WHEREAS, the prolonged delay in passing a new  
23 food, farm, and jobs bill has created uncertainty for  
24 agricultural producers and will negatively impact the  
25 nation's overseas trade; and

26 WHEREAS, without the immediate passage of a new  
27 food, farm, and jobs bill consumers will increasingly  
28 suffer economic consequences; NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
30 with the reconvening of the United States Congress

1 after its holiday recess, the United States House of  
2 Representatives and the United States Senate should  
3 enact a new food, farm, and jobs bill with all possible  
4 speed but no later than January 31, 2014; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
6 resolution shall be transmitted to the President of  
7 the United States Senate and the Speaker of the United  
8 States House of Representatives; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
10 resolution shall be transmitted to the Honorable Debbie  
11 Stabenow, Chairwoman of the Committee on Agriculture,  
12 Nutrition, and Forestry of the United States Senate,  
13 and the Honorable Frank Lucas, Chairman of the  
14 Committee on Agriculture of the United States House of  
15 Representatives; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
17 resolution shall be transmitted to each member of the  
18 Iowa congressional delegation; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
20 resolution shall be transmitted to the Honorable Tom  
21 Vilsack, Secretary of the United States Department of  
22 Agriculture.